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December 19, 2002

Mr. Greg Lauck  
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P.O. Box 149  
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**RE: WHEELING-PITTSBURGH STEEL CORP.  
MARTINS FERRY PLANT  
NPDES Permit No. 0IC00020\*CD  
FOLLOW UP LETTER – UP-SET INVESTIGATION  
December 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2002**

Dear Mr. Lauck:

This letter serves as the written report concerning the Martins Ferry Plant Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) up-set that occurred on Tuesday, 12/17/02.

At approximately 1:50 PM a fire started in the storeroom area of the Martins Ferry Plant. Due to the fire, all utilities were shut off at the plant. This situation caused the WWTP to be shutdown unexpectedly. This condition allowed water to be released from the WWTP area into outfall 001 that eventually discharges into the Ohio River near mile marker 89.

At approximately 3 PM, brown-discolored, foamy water from the WWTP flowed into the outfall. The outfall was inspected by WPSC environmental engineer Pat Smith. At 3 PM, Mr. Smith indicated that oil spots, foam and brown discoloration were noticed at the outfall and entered the Ohio River covering an area 10' x 20'. This situation was due to fire water runoff into the WPSC's sewers and from the WWTP's up-set condition. Mr. Smith contacted Weavertown Environmental Group (WEG) and WEG was on site installing booms at outfall 001 at 4 PM.

Mr. Dennis Deavers from the OEPA and Mr. Dick Quinlin of the Belmont County EMA/LEPC was on site to be of assistance.

The power and other utilities were restored approximately midnight (12/18/02). The WWTP was restarted with no further problems.



If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Manager

Cc: Randy Spencer - OEPA ✓  
Dick Quinlin - Belmont County EMA/LEPC  
Larry Boroski, Mark O'Leary  
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